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PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 4329.2387

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Hideo ANDO et al.		
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AMENDMENT

In reply to the Final Office Action of January 13, 2004, and concurrent with the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed herewith, Applicants amend the application and respectfully request the Examiner's reconsideration in view of the remarks that follow:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

An Amendment to the Drawings is included in the attached replacement drawing sheet and is discussed in the Remarks section of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 7 of this paper.

Attachment to This Amendment: One replacement drawing sheet (Fig. 9)